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SUBJECT: REMOTE SENSING PROJECT: ACQUISITION
OF PROCESSING STATION

1. DR. MUHAMMAD ABD AL-HADI, CAIRO-BASED UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR FOR NSF REMOTE SENSING PROJECT, INFORMED EMBASSY JAN 28 THAT PRIMIN HEGAZI HAS AUTHORIZED THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY TO PURCHASE REMOTE SENSING PROCESSING STATION VALUED AT 850,000 DOLLARS. NATIONAL ACADEMY AND ABD AL-HADI ARE ALREADY IN ADVANCED STAGES OF NEGOTIATING CONTRACT WITH BENDIX CORPORATION, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL NOW HAVE TO CALL FOR BIDS FROM OTHERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING REGULATIONS.

2. ABD AL-HADI ALSO CONFIRMED EARLIER INFORMATION WHICH WE HAD FROM VISITING BENDIX REPRESENTATIVE THAT EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA CONCLUDING DEAL FOR PURCHASE OF ERTS RECEIVING STATION. ACCORDING TO BENDIX REP, WHO HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH ASHRAF MARWAN AND KAMAL AKHAM, SAUDI ARABIA WILL PAY FOR STATION VALUED AT SOME 25 MILLION DOLLARS; EGYPT WILL PROVIDE SITE, TECHNICIANS AND TRAINING FOR SAUDIS AND OTHER ARABS IN USE OF STATION. ACCORDING TO ABD AL-HADI, HAGZAI MENTIONED SCHEME IN HIS LETTER TO ACADEMY AUTHORIZING
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THE PROCESSING STATION AND SAID HE EXPECTED ARRANGEMENTS TO BE COMPLETED SOON. BENDIX ALSO BELIEVES THAT THEY WILL

GET ERTS CONTRACT AS WELL.

3. PRIMIN HEGAZI IN TELLING AMBASSADOR ABOUT PROJECT TODAY, INDICATED JOINT EGYPTIAN-SAUDI ERTS STATION WILL BE LOCATED IN ASWAN.

4. COMMENT: ACCORDING OUR UNDERSTANDING, ERTS RECEIVING STATION WILL REQUIRE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT. BENDIX REP TOLD US THAT HE CAUTIONED EGYPTIANS AND SAUDIS REGARDING QUOTE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CLAUSES UNQUOTE OF SUCH AGREEMENT. ADB AL-HADI SAID SUBSEQUENTLY THAT EGYPTIANS HOPE SYSTEM CAN BE WORKED OUT WHEREBY ISRAELIS, IF THEY WANT ERTS INFORMATION, CAN GET IT FROM IRAN, WHICH ALSO ACQUIRING ERTS RECEIVER. WE DECLINED SPECULATE ON ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENT, MAINTAINING THAT THIS WOULD BE PURELY SCIENTIFIC ARRANGEMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. WE HAVE NOT BEEN APPROACHED BY GOE ON THIS MATTER, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE ON ERTS AGREEMENT.
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